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A Letter from Alaska.

The following extract of a letter from Dr. S. W. Downing, who is now seeking his fortune in Alaska, to his wife in Centralia, and published in the *Centralia Courier*, will doubtless be read with much interest by his many friends in Keytesville. The letter was dated April 22nd, 1899, at Denison Fork, Forty-mile river, Alaska. Dr. Downing and family formerly lived in this city:

I was sitting in the tent. Sunday evening, and had just gotten supper ready when I heard the mail-carrier yell: "Mail from Copper Center." You should have seen me drop everything and scoot across the river. I got \$4 worth of mail, seven letters besides the photographs. It costs us 25 cents a letter to have them brought up Copper river, and \$2 for bringing it over the glacier. Two month's mail, you know. I thought that was cheap enough considering he had to haul his mail on foot nearly 300 miles. We are now in the land where gold is found, and I am satisfied that some of us who came over the trail this winter will strike it before fall, and I mean to be one of them if there is any chance. Just think, we have been pulling sleds for about five months, and have pulled our outfits as nearly as we can calculate good 300 miles. When you consider that it always took from two to five loads to move our goods (but most of the time three or four would do it, according to the trail) you will see that we walked a good many miles. I suppose such a thing was never undertaken or accomplished before. Most of the boys are in good condition and the best of spirits. I have a splendid outfit, one of the largest on the trail and quite sufficient to last me until late in the fall; then if I haven't struck pay dirt I'll head for home, but you need not look for me as long as I think there is a show to find anything here. We have been resting up for the last two or three days, but will start in the morning and move down the creek about a mile, where there is better timber and a better camping place. There I suppose we will hang up our sleds and build boats. The snow is going quite rapidly. The Indians say: "One more moon and we can go in canoe."

There are quite a number of Indians on the trail, and we get all the fresh moose and caribou meat from them we can use. I have doctored several of them lately, one woman with rheumatism and a boy six years old with pneumonia. They both got well. So the Indians have taken quite a fancy to me. They give me meat, moccasins, tobacco, etc. I don't use tobacco, but the two fellows I am with now, R. M. Shannon of Tacoma and Byron Hurt of near Keytesville, do so I give it to them.

Some of the Indians talk quite good English and understand most all we say to them. They don't pretend to mine any, and seem glad to see the white men. About 30 or 40 miles below here on Chicken creek and Franklin gulch are good paying claims. If a man gets sick on the trail the rest of the fellows take care of him and move him and his outfit right along with the rest of them and never think of charging for it.

As a rule, the men who came over the trail this winter are a kind, genial, big-hearted set, who would go to any trouble or dare any danger for one of their comrades. Thirty or 40 miles back a little fellow who was traveling by himself was taken with scurvy. I told him I thought I could cure him, and it was too late for him to turn back anyway, so the different parties took it time about moving him and his outfit along. Now he is up with the rest and able to work. I've been very successful in treating scurvy.

I wish you could see our camping place where we will move tomorrow. It is lovely—on the river bank and in a grove of pine trees. The Indians say when the ice melts there is any

quantity of fish and ducks and geese in the river.

I still have Bruno, and if nothing happens will bring him home with me. He is a pedigreed St. Bernard, and such a handsome, kind fellow: he is the pet of the trail, and will be of great service to me in packing this summer, and it is no trouble at all to get enough fish and grouse to feed him on. I haven't told you much about myself yet and I guess you would like to know how I am. I feel splendidly. We all have good appetites: take it two weeks about cooking: it is my time now. Sunday I had squash pie for dinner, and the boys say I am a first-class cook. This is the bill of fare for dinner today: Light bread and butter, pea soup with stewed caribou joints, tea, rice and fruit—so you see we don't fare so badly after all.

Criminal Costs.

According to the *Jefferson City Press* the item of criminal costs in this state from the year 1879 to 1898 inclusive, aggregates the enormous sum of \$3,720,530. Burdened taxpayers have viewed with alarm the growing strain upon their purses to meet this ever-increasing expense. Governors have mentioned it and deplored its existence. Legislators have attempted to enact a code that would measurably stop it, but no effective measure ever became a law, until a very radical one was proposed last winter and passed by what is sometimes called the "sorriest body of lawmakers" that ever assembled in the state.

We call this new law a radical measure, because it requires witnesses in some cases to attend court and get no fees. This is the case with state and city officials who are paid salaries, and to whom witness' fees heretofore have been an extra compensation, as they were serving in two capacities at the same time.

After the 10th of November, next, when the new law goes into effect, no fees will be paid to witnesses in criminal cases in preliminary trials when the accused is discharged by the magistrate, nor when upon preliminary examination the accused is bound over and no indictment is subsequently found.

It looks a little hard for a person to be taken away from his home and compelled to attend court as a witness, pay his board, etc., and get nothing for it, but desperate cases require desperate remedies. Whatever tends to decrease litigation decreases the cost of it to the tax-payers, and that is the thing aimed at by the new law.

Notice to Applicants for Appointment to U. S. Military Academy.

KEYTESVILLE, MO., JULY 18, '99.

To whom it may concern: An examination of applicants for admission to the United States Military academy at West Point will be held on Friday, July 28th, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., at Keytesville.

Any one desiring to take this examination will please report at the time and place above mentioned.

Respectfully,

W. W. RUCKER,

M. C. 2nd District.

Burned to Death.

Miss Annie Douglass of Shelbyville, Mo., daughter of R. W. Douglass, one of Shelby county's most prominent citizens, met a horrible death Tuesday morning. While attempting to start a fire in the cook stove she poured some coal oil in the stove in which were some smoldering embers, when an explosion took place, igniting her clothing. She ran about half a block when a neighbor rushed out and extinguished the flames, but not until she was so badly burned that she died in a few hours.

Miss Lulu Winfree returned from Salisbury, Wednesday, where she had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Rubin Winfree.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Regular July, 1899. Term at Salisbury. Continued from last week.

John Bentley vs. J. J. Keller, judgment by agreement in favor of defendant for \$6.95 with interest at six per cent.

Louis Lisle vs. unknown heirs of John G. Purvis, trial by court and judgment and decree as prayed for.

Vermont Marble Co. vs. B. L. Kendrick et al, plaintiff filed bond for cost and cause continued.

Sheriff's deed make to W. R. Slaughter, who purchased the Salisbury coal mines, including machinery leases and land belonging thereto.

S. D. Welch vs. Joe Welch, trial by jury, which found for plaintiff in sum of \$60.46.

Mary E. Young vs. Jos. E. Young, plaintiff divorced and her maiden name restored, Mary E. Barnett.

B. F. Moore vs. Wm. Lucas et al, dismissed as to F. M. Clements and judgment for want of answer for a total of \$1,666.02 with interest at eight per cent.

John H. Kuhlman vs. Carrie Kuhlman et al, L. Benecke appointed guardian for minor defendants.

J. C. Fennell vs. Louis Fennell, Crawley & Son allowing attorney's fee of \$150 to be taxed as cost.

Wm. Deering Harvesting Co. vs. Geo. Herman, counter claim and set off withdrawn and judgment of the justice affirmed.

State vs. John and James Welch, defendants discharged and costs taxed against sheriff.

Royal Excene vs. Harvey Conger, dismissed.

Steven Fellhauer vs. Ida Fellhauer, The court finds from the evidence that the defendant is the innocent and injured party and she is ordered divorced and granted alimony in the sum of \$2,500, to be paid in yearly installments commencing Nov. 1st, 1899, with interest on each installment from date until paid. It is further agreed that each party pay the cost of their own witnesses and each to bear half of the court costs.

L. Benecke, administrator, etc., vs. E. B. Welch, plaintiff granted an appeal to the supreme court of Missouri.

Ella Wallace et al vs. Mary Thorp et al, judgment as prayed for and land ordered sold.

John C. Fennell et al vs. Louis Fennell et al, sheriff files report of land sold and same approved and distribution ordered to be made and ordered to make final report at next term of this court.

Fred Sleyster et al vs. Jennette Sleyster et al, sheriff files report, same approved. L. Benecke allowed \$300 attorney's fee charged as cost, etc., continued to await sheriff's final report.

Patton & Fruit vs. Minnie E. Fox et al, continued till next term of this court.

Ella Wallace et al vs. Mary Thorp, F. C. Sasse appointed guardian for minor heirs.

John N. Taylor vs. Isaac Davis et al, judgment by default.

Johnson Moorman vs. P. S. Green et al, dismissed as to Everhart and Green. Judgment by default against Wm. Graves for \$159.40.

State vs. W. G. White, defendant pleads guilty and is fined \$100 with stay of execution until further order from the court or prosecuting attorney.

C. C. Koch vs. Amanda Martin et al, new suit.

Florence Stormes vs. Geo. Stormes, plaintiff divorced.

America Baum vs. U. G. Baum, plaintiff divorced upon payment of costs.

Hugh Mathews vs. city of Brunswick, Tried by court and judgment for defendant.

Jno. L. Gray vs. C. E. Orcutt, continued as per stipulations filed.

Malinda Bond vs. G. H. Ebert, The commissioner heretofore appointed have until next term to make report.

Ordered that account of Jno. R.

Dempsey of \$86.50 be allowed.

Ordered that account of Z. T. Lamkin, clerk for \$775 be allowed.

Bell Pixley vs. T. Pixley, Defendant divorced on cross bill and each party to pay their own costs. Until payment of alimony of \$75, the plaintiff is to occupy the home.

Joseph H. Banks vs. Rena Banks continued.

Emma Dautel et al vs. Covey Heryford et al, Sheriff's report of sale filed and approved and proceeds ordered distributed, and court approved bond of Emma Dautel as trustee for her own children.

Same vs. same final exhibit of accounts of Covey Heryford filed and approved.

Same against same ordered that an attorney's fee of \$800 be allowed against Heryford heirs and \$100 against Jordan Bentley.

Same vs. same, Sheriff Dempsey acknowledges deed to Emma Dautel, Nellie Donaldson, Covey Heryford and Bentley Heryford for all land sold by sheriff under the decree in partition.

Court adjourned till court in course at Keytesville in September.

Civil Cases Docketed.

The following cases are docketed for the September term of court at Salisbury:

The Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co. vs. Thos. Teudor for debt.

T. J. Chew, Jr. vs. J. J. Keller, ejectment. Jos. Sparth vs. Louis Huss, note.

Clara McKean vs. Jno. L. McKean, divorce.

Base Ball at Randolph Springs.

There will be a game of base ball at Randolph Springs, July 23rd, between Moberly and Chillicothe. Special train leaves Keytesville at 11:48 a. m., and arrives at Randolph Springs 12:25. Chillicothe has the best team in North Missouri and Moberly will be represented by the strongest team they have had this season. Special will leave Randolph Springs at 6:40 p. m. returning. Fifty cents for the round trip. This will evidently be your last opportunity to visit Randolph Springs this season.

Verdict For Sense.

The damage suit of Ed. Coulson and Ed. Thacker against Henry Sasse for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution in which the plaintiffs asked damages to the amount of \$60,000, and which was taken from this county to Howard, on a change of venue some time ago, was tried in Fayette this week and resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The circumstances leading up to the suit was published in the *Courier* at the time, and are generally known by the people of Chariton county.

Capt. Henry Bucksath, an old and highly respected citizen of the Bowling Green prairie, was in town Monday and placed the *Courier* under obligations for substantial favors. The captain is one of those far-seeing business men who never make foolish investments. He is not only an extensive farmer, but has been a continuous tobacco buyer for a number of years. He has a large per cent of former purchases on hand and will realize a handsome profit therefrom owing to the recent increased demand and rise in price. He says he always made the most money on the better grades of tobacco, for which he paid the highest price.

Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office, July 20th, 1899:

Mrs. Emzina Prather.

Miss Nancy Webb.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

W. C. GASTON, P. M.

Notice.

All accounts of the Sneed Drug Co., if not settled at once, will be turned over to Ad. Embree for collection.

PROBATE COURT SETTLEMENT DOCKET.

August Term, 1899.

FIRST DAY—AUGUST 14TH.

Estates. Administrators.

Allen, K. G. J. A. Venable et al.
Anderson, Wm. Geo. Kuechler.
Ashby, R. H. T. E. Mackay.
Austin, A. B. Bithiah S. Austin.
Brooks, Celia T. E. Mackay.
Brummal, Lucy B. H. C. Morehead.
Cunningham, J. F. G. W. Cunningham.

Cooley, Mary A. T. H. Carskadon.
Coleman, J. T. T. E. Mackay.
Chapman, DeWitt B. P. Chapman.
Davis, H. H. J. C. Crawley.
Davis, J. M. J. W. Davis.
Ewing, Martha A. T. H. Carskadon.
Finnell, John J. R. Phelps.
Ford, Ann Rich'd Parkinson.
Gorsz, Henry Caroline Gorsz.
Griffin, O. F. T. S. Griffin.

Hopf, Chas. O. R. Gutzschebauch.
Heryford, Wm. Covey Heryford.
Hoff, Samuel Lizzie Hoff.
Harris, Richard T. E. Mackay.
Houston, W. G. S. B. Elliott, et al.
Hart, M. L. O. F. Wayland.
Johns, Creasey B. F. Moore.

SECOND DAY—AUGUST 15TH.

Kellogg, D. B. E. B. Kellogg.
Lester, J. M. T. E. Mackay.
Livengood, Joseph John A. Livengood.
Mitchell, Susan G. M. Mitchell.
Millgrove, Thos. Nancy J. Millgrove.
Meinhardt, Chas. John P. Becker.
Manzey, John Letitia Mauzey.
Neighbors, L. B. Mary C. Neighbors.
Prewitt, Eliza J. T. E. Mackay.
Plunkett, M. G. R. T. Plunkett.
Price Sterling O. B. Anderson.
Price and Benecke Louis Benecke.
Reichert, M. J. John Reichert.
Schmitt, Peter J. P. Monarch.
Southern, Wm. Henri'ta Southern.
Severance, A. R. M. J. Severance.
Venable, F. K. Marietta Venable.
Wackley, J. J. I. M. Marsh.
Young, R. L. M. Applegate.

THIRD DAY—AUGUST 16TH.

Wards. Guardians.

Agee, Sophia, hrs. Wm. Wright.
Allen, George B. F. Moore.
Allen, A. L. J. A. Venable.
Allen, C. K. C. H. Riddell.
Buddenberg, O. L. C. R. Mason.
Bruce, Daniel, hrs. F. M. Dewis.
Colson, Horace C. Noll.
Conrad, Walker T. E. Mackay.
Canton, Alice M. G. W. Smith.
Carmen, Clista, hrs. J. P. McLilly.
Chapman, DeWitt, Geo. W. Chapman.

Cooper, Jennetta R. W. Cooper.
Gooch, LeRoy Jos. H. Gooch.
Gunn, M. O., hrs. E. M. Williams.
Hopf, Anna R. Gutzschebauch.
Johnson, T. R., hrs. J. C. Wallace.
Jensun, Chas. A. John Legendre.
Johnson, Thos. R. T. H. Carskadon.
Karcher, A. M. Thos. Karcher.
Kessler, Jno. A., hrs. Geo. Hechler.
McCue, Cassie W. W. Daily.

FOURTH DAY—AUGUST 17TH.

Meyer, A., hrs. Geo. Carsten.
Miller, Magdaline, J. T. Hartmann.
McEuen, Jacob Oliver McEuen.
Meyer, M. A. F. M. Meyer.
Morgan, Wm. Peter Morgan.
Noldge, Fred, hrs. I. C. Couch.
Oldham, Luvenia W. A. Gandy.
Pierce, Flora, hrs. Carter DeWeese.
Proctor, J. W., hrs. J. M. Proctor.
Peterson, Cleat Carr Peterson.
Pencke, F. A., hrs. W. A. Pencke.
Price, Sterling, hrs. Emma Price.
Richardson, J. M.

Riley, L. N., hrs. Martha Riley.
Stacy, Sarah, hrs. P. M. Stacy.
Shupe, D. M., hrs. Lemira Shupe.
Spencer, Lena C. M. Spencer.
Schulte, F., hrs. Henry Hays.
Stockton, Lena T. E. Mackay.
Tschann, Oscar John Huslage.
Triplett, W. F. J. A. Triplett.
West, A. J. M. L. Hurt.
Wescott, Isaac R. M. Minks.
Wanger, F., hrs. Maggie Wanger.

Walton, M. L., hrs. T. H. Walton.
Williams, W. R., hrs. T. E. Mackay.
Wegner, Jos. F. Wm. Pilatz.

Parties must appear in person on the day set for their settlements.

H. C. MINTER, Judge.

Marriages Licenses.

W. H. Goodwin, Colorado.
Tennie Grisson, Salisbury.
Henry Sness, Brunswick.
Florence Storms, Brunswick.
C. C. Haney, Salisbury.
America Baum, Salisbury.

The Baptist Sunday-school enjoyed a picnic at Brill's lake yesterday.

Weddings.

HANEY-BAUM:—On the Red bridge, two miles east of Keytesville, on Monday, July 17th, Mr. C. C. Haney and Mrs. America Baum, both of near Salisbury, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by 'Squire H. A. Wheeler. The couple drove from Salisbury and had the 'squire meet them at the above point. The *Courier* extends congratulations.

Death's Decree.

SEVIER:—"Grandpa" Sevier of Indian Grove died, Sunday, at his home near Indian Grove of general debility and was buried, Monday, at Powell church. Mr. Sevier was about 80 years old and leaves a host of relatives to mourn his death.

CONRAD:—Died, at her home in Prairie Hill, Mo., July 12th, at 11:30 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Sarah Conrad, wife of Henry Conrad. Mrs. Conrad was born in Claren county, Pa., Sept. 15th, 1826. Her maiden name was Miss Sarah Evans. She was married to Henry Conrad August 29th, 1844, and came to Missouri with her husband in 1857 and has lived in Chariton county ever since. She was a member of the M. E. church and was a devoted Christian lady. She leaves a husband and six children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

The Lucky Men Named.

Director of the census Meriam has received from Senator Cockrell the recommendations for census supervisors for five of the six districts in Missouri allotted to the Democrats. Only the Thirteenth District remains open. Following are the names submitted by Senator Cockrell:

First district, Samuel J. Harrison, Hannibal; Second district, Joe Broadus, Chillicothe; Third district, James F. Reed, Liberty; Ninth district, Charles A. Davault, Farber; Twelfth district, Ben T. Walker, Dexter.

This completes the list of supervisors in the state with the exception of the Thirteenth district.

The Republican supervisors are: Fourth district, E. E. McJmsey, Maryville; Fifth district, George J. Baer, Kansas City; Sixth district, J. N. Pidcock, Greenfield; Seventh district, J. J. Gideon, Springfield; Eighth district, J. W. Vosholl, Lynn; Tenth district, F. W. Rauchenstein, Clayton; Eleventh district, Jerome S. Higgins, St. Louis.

Senator Cockrell has been contenting all along that not only the supervisors, but the enumerators as well should be apportioned equally between the Democrats and the Republicans, so that the letter and spirit of the census law could be carried out.

The Republicans leaders, however, have no disposition to act upon such a plan, and the Republican supervisors will name only Republican enumerators. This will compel the Democratic supervisors to select only Democrats in their districts.

Governor Stephens is a sure enough believer in Christianity? He writes: "If there is nothing in this religion of Christ, who died for man, my own mother deceived me on her death bed. When her soul was about to wing its flight she told us all triumphantly, with her poor emaciated face wreathed in smiles, that she was going to another home in heaven; that she would join other loved ones there; that she wanted her boys and girls to so live that on some sweet day we would all meet again and live and love forever and forever. When anyone tells me there is nothing in this Christian religion and sneers at my mother's faith and talks flippantly of the Bible, he heaps insult on the honored dead, and I will have none of it."

Harvey Perkins, an old Keytesville boy who has been at Pueblo, Colo., for the past four years holding down a position as foreman on a switch engine, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.